

but the deadly cigarette killed him at the age of twenty-three.

The following is another case, the account of which is taken from the Hagerstown (Md.) *Evening Globe* of September 2 :

Oscar Davis, nineteen-year-old son of J. M. Davis, 275 Washington Avenue, who had been seriously ill for a couple days with fever, said to have been brought on by excessive cigarette smoking, died at six o'clock this morning. The young man had been sick only about a week, but during that time suffered great agony. A portion of the time he was completely out of his mind, and during one of the attacks raved piteously for a cigarette. A member of the Davis family told a *Globe* reporter that the young man often smoked as many as six to seven packs—60 to 70 cigarettes—inside of a day. His first thought in the morning was a cigarette, and he always went to bed with one in his mouth. The first two fingers of the left hand were dyed a dark yellow, caused by holding the cigarette. Dr. M. W. Allison, the attending physician, said the young man's system was poisoned throughout with nicotine.

What are parents to do to save their boys from this deadly enemy? What can the states do to save their young men from being rendered physical and mental wrecks, and from being swept into untimely graves by this foul destroyer? Laws have been enacted prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, but the police being under the control of political bosses and time-serving politicians, the law is evaded or not enforced. Dealers in the deadly stuff in some instances evade the law by selling cigarette paper-wrappers in one package and the prepared tobacco in another, and the boys, thus supplied, "make their own cigarettes."

Can not something effectual be done thro the public schools of the country, the Sunday-schools, and the pulpit? Surely the children can be effectually instructed thro the schools as to the pernicious, death-dealing effects of the habit, and pastors can inform the parents in their congregations of this terrible poison to which their boys are exposed. Let pastors accumulate an array of facts on the subject and at stated times spread them before their congregations in a well-prepared address. Let them take this article into their pulpits and read it to their people, making such comments as the occasion and circumstances may suggest. Surely the saving of the bright boys of our country from the clutches of this deadly, vile enemy is worth an ardent, persistent, prayerful, superhuman effort.

Sisters' Society C. E.

Minutes of the Sessions of the S. S. C. E. Held at Winona Park

FIRST SESSION

In the absence of the president also the vice president, and by the request of Laura E. N. Hedrick, president, Bessie W. Perry, National Secretary, presided and conducted devotional exercises. Ida A. Simmonds was appointed secretary pro tem. A motion pre-

vailed that the chair appoint a committee on credentials. The following named persons were appointed: Minty Eberly, Sattie C. Leslie and Barbara Calvert. Owing to the fact that no printed credentials had been sent to the local societies many of the delegates were not provided with credentials. A motion prevailed that all delegates properly chosen by their respective societies be given the privilege to act in the capacity of delegates provided they register as such. But in the future it will be expected that all delegates be provided with credentials either written or printed. The report of the president was then read and accepted. The report of treasurer was read, a few little corrections made. It was accepted. A report from brother W. C. Perry, relative to the students under his instruction during the past year was read and accepted.

Committee on credential reported twenty-two societies represented by delegates. A plan for the more judicious use of the general funds was discussed. The chair invited brother J. A. Miller to give a little talk upon the needs of Ashland College. This he did. After some further discussion it was decided to continue the contribution of annual dues for the three purposes as designated by the Constitution, viz: Mission work, Theological chair, or for the support of superannuated ministers, just as heretofore. No change to be made for at least one year.

It was also decided that societies sending funds for mission work, have the privilege of designating to what particular mission their money should be appropriated.

The disposition of the fund for superannuated ministers was then discussed. It was decided to remember brother H. R. Holsinger as a small token of respect and appreciation for past sacrifices and labors among us. The sisters decided to send \$4.75 on the first of each month for at least one year or until next conference. Other brethren and sisters wished to help, and soon the fund was raised to \$10 per month, beside a purse of \$16.33. With so many expressions of love and good will that I cannot write them here.

It was then resolved that we request every local society to remember the superannuated ministers' fund, especially when sending dues to general treasury. Free will offerings for that purpose will also be thankfully accepted. A permanent fund was started by one sister donating one hundred dollars, the interest to be used for that purpose.

Our newly elected treasurer, sister Alice Augustine of South Bend, Ind., will file necessary bonds, and all moneys placed in her hands will be perfectly safe and most carefully appropriated to the purpose for which it may be donated.

The election of president resulted in sister Viana Detwiler of Philadelphia, being elected president. The election of executive committee resulted in Bessie W. Perry being chosen from Indiana, Mrs. A. D. Gnagey from Ohio, sister Cora Snyder from Iowa, and Mrs. J. H. Knepper from Pennsylvania. The executive committee met for organiza-

tion. Mrs. A. D. Gnagey was chosen vice president. Bessie W. Perry was re-elected secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Knepper was chosen treasurer. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. H. Knepper, and the session adjourned.

Sister Knepper, after considering the matter decided that the work was too heavy for her and resigned. It then became necessary to call the executive committee together again and sister Alice Augustine of South Bend, Ind., was unanimously chosen in her place.

SECOND SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. C. Perry, after which the National secretary took charge of the meeting.

A silk quilt that had been presented to the S. S. C. E. by an unknown brother, was then offered for sale. The money to be turned over to the General Mission fund. \$14 dollars were raised and paid to the General Mission fund. The quilt was left with the S. S. C. E., and much more is expected to be realized from it. A paper was then read by Mrs. Nettie Rohrer, subject, "The Power of a Mother's Influence." Paper by Mrs. Mary M. Bauman, subject, "Giving Enriches the Giver." Paper by Miss Alma Hardman. Paper by Mrs. Nina Furry, subject, "The Church of the Present." Paper written by Miss Viana Detwiler, subject, "The Power of a Consecrated Life," was read by Miss Mary Metzger. Recitation by Miss Owan Switzer, subject, "The House that Jack Built." The rum traffic was the house, and every sanctioning influence and every vote in favor, is a Jack helping to build the monstrous rum traffic. The selection was a good one and was admirably rendered. After the papers were read a motion prevailed that they all be sent to our Publishing House for publication, that their influence might be extended, and a greater number of persons than those present be benefited by them.

The Sisters, as well as all present were again urged to use their influence in their local societies and churches toward greater liberality with regard to Ashland College. our mission work and our superannuated minister's fund. All being worthy causes and open doors for much good in the name of Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

IDA SIMMONDS, Sec'y Pro tem.

BESSIE W. PERRY, National Sec'y.

COMMUNICATION FROM W. C. PERRY

To the S. S. C. E. in Conference at Winona Park, Ind., Greeting:

The following persons, J. M. Fox, J. E. Adams, D. F. Eikenberry and David Flora, received help, the past year from you, to pay their tuition as theological students under my instruction. My receipts to your treasurer, will show the amount of help received.

The young men are worthy, and give prom-